

**House Study Bill 655 - Introduced**

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON SCHULTZ)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act creating a derelict building grant program and fund and  
2 making appropriations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 455B.861 Derelict building grant  
2 program — fund.

3 1. As used in this section, unless the context otherwise  
4 requires:

5 a. "*Abandoned building*" means a building that is owned by an  
6 eligible community that has been abandoned for three or more  
7 years.

8 b. "*Eligible community*" means a city with a population of  
9 five thousand or fewer or a school district that includes a  
10 population of five thousand or fewer.

11 2. The department shall establish and administer a derelict  
12 building grant program to provide financial assistance  
13 to eligible communities to address abandoned buildings by  
14 promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective dismantlement  
15 of building components, and recycling. The program shall be  
16 administered in accordance with rules adopted by the commission  
17 pursuant to chapter 17A.

18 3. Financial assistance under the program shall consist  
19 of grants in an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand  
20 dollars. A grant shall not exceed seventy-five percent of the  
21 total costs of promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective  
22 dismantlement, and recycling of a single abandoned building.

23 4. Eligible costs for financial assistance under the  
24 program include but are not limited to asbestos and other  
25 hazardous material abatement and removal, the recovery and  
26 processing of recyclable or reusable material through selective  
27 dismantlement, and reimbursement for purchased recycled content  
28 materials used in the renovation of buildings.

29 5. a. A derelict building grant fund is created in the  
30 state treasury under the control of the department. The fund  
31 shall include moneys appropriated by the general assembly and  
32 any other moneys available to and obtained or accepted by the  
33 department, including moneys from public or private sources.  
34 Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department and shall  
35 be used exclusively to carry out the provisions of this section

1 as determined by the department, and shall not require further  
2 special authorization by the general assembly.

3 b. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys appropriated in this  
4 section that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of  
5 the fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available for  
6 expenditure for the purposes designated until the close of the  
7 fiscal year that ends five years after the end of the fiscal  
8 year for which the appropriation was made.

9 Sec. 2. APPROPRIATION. There is appropriated from the  
10 general fund of the state to the department of natural  
11 resources for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, and  
12 ending June 30, 2015, the following amount, for deposit in the  
13 derelict building grant fund:

14 ..... \$ 25,000,000

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill requires the department of natural resources to  
19 create a derelict building grant program to provide financial  
20 assistance to eligible communities to address abandoned  
21 buildings by promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective  
22 dismantlement of building components, and recycling. Under  
23 the program, an eligible community is a city with a population  
24 of 5,000 or fewer or a school district that includes a  
25 population of 5,000 or fewer. Financial assistance under the  
26 program shall consist of grants in an amount not to exceed  
27 \$500,000 and a grant shall not exceed 75 percent of the total  
28 costs of promoting waste abatement, diversion, selective  
29 dismantlement, and recycling of a single abandoned building.  
30 Eligible costs for financial assistance include but are not  
31 limited to asbestos and other hazardous material abatement and  
32 removal, the recovery and processing of recyclable or reusable  
33 material through selective dismantlement, and reimbursement for  
34 purchased recycled content materials used in the renovation of  
35 buildings.

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1 The bill creates a derelict building grant fund in the state  
2 treasury under the control of the department.

3 The bill appropriates \$25 million to the department for FY  
4 2014-2015 for deposit in the derelict building grant fund.